Harry Blanchard Stewart Palmer is first admitted on July 29, 1882. He was born in Guelph, and is a resident of Prince Albert in what was then the North West Territories. He is 24 years old, though for some reason on his "History" his age is stated as "25 on Oct. 4." Single and childless, he suffers from delusions of being "worth millions" and having "a number of wives"; he has already had at least one similar attack. His "habits of life" are described as "irregular," and the "supposed causes" of his illness are "intemperance and sexual excesses."

Other information indicates that Harry Palmer is unusually well-off and even privileged. The "History" of July 29, 1882 describes him as "well educated." He has an interest in a "trust estate" amounting to from ten to fifteen thousand dollars, a brother in Hamilton and an attorney, Mr. Chadwick, to represent him in Toronto. His file contains such signs of relative luxury as numerous receipts for fruit and a bill for repairs to his guitar.

Under "facts indicating insanity," directly observed by himself, Dr. George Wright lists Blanchard's talking "in the most extravagant manner." The factual content of "extravagant" is never specified, but runs the gamut from the plausible complaint of having been "unfairly treated" and imprisoned in Prince Albert, where he has a "large landed interest," through the more doubtful assertion of his currently prosecuting his partners for "false imprisonment," to the quite incredible claim of being about to "start for Egypt with a military contingent."

But that some of his "extravagances" are based in fact is confirmed in the section of "facts ... communicated ... by others," where Dr. Wright records the information of Palmer's friends, that "he had had to be confined as dangerous by the Mounted Police." Palmer must have been arrested in Saskatchewan, confined there for a while, and brought back to Toronto. One might wonder whether he had been treated "unfairly," but no one can doubt that, notwithstanding his wealth and privilege, he must have been roughly treated.

The certificate signed by Dr. Barrett repeats some of the above "facts," in particular Palmer's claim of heading off for Egypt, now with the added details that Palmer was organizing the regiment himself, and that his soldiers were to be armed with bows and arrows. Dr. Barrett appears to have enjoyed the benefit of a letter from one (Dr.?) Mulholland, "giving a narrative of his conditions of unsoundness"; it has since disappeared.